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THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

President Roosevelt left Washington last week for an extended vacation and trip through the West and North West. His itinerary covers about 14,000 miles and will take about seven weeks of time, more than two weeks of which will be spent in camp in the Yellowstone Park, that great national game and forest preserve. There in company with two or three famous naturalists and lovers of birds and animals, the President will recruit his energies by living close to nature, and while no hunting will be indulged, he will have a chance to learn by personal observation, the condition of the animal and vegetable life of the National Park.

Prior to reaching the entrance of the Park, the President had delivered speeches in Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and many other cities and towns along the route, and in these speeches had fully maintained the high character established on his New England trip last year. His talks on the Monroe Doctrine, regulation of the trusts and the protective tariff were particularly well received. While not partisan, these speeches were political in the higher sense. And as the Republican party is, and has been, the party of progress, it necessarily follows that the plans and measures adopted and of which he spoke were of Republican origin.

At the end of his camping-out life, the President will go to St. Louis and thence to the Pacific Coast, and we have no doubt this reception there will be as hearty and enthusiastic as it has been wherever he has gone.

THE ELECTIONS IN THE WEST

The cities of the middle West have held their municipal elections this week and, although local conditions had a large part in determining the issue, there have been some interesting results. In Cleveland Mayor Tom Johnson was re-elected as was Mayor Carter Harrison in Chicago, both by decreased majorities. This result makes national figures of both men, as hard-fights had been put up against them. In Cincinnati, although it was hoped by the Democrats to win out by the nomination of a popular and rich merchant, Fleischman's majority was greater than ever. Thus, Tom Johnson becomes the prominent Democrat of Ohio as does Harrison of Illinois. Both belong to the Bryan element of their party and the friends of both are talking of the Presidency as the end in view. Many changes will occur before the National Conventions of 1904 assemble, but it looks as though the Bryanites were to control, in spite of the efforts of Gorman, Hill and other "gold bugs."

A NIGHT OF THE PEOPLE

"Corruption among public servants is not confined to great cities or other kind of cities. It is now announced from Schuylkill County, Pa., that sixty township directors there have been charged with taxing school teachers and levying bribes in connection with making appointments. In Philadelphia last week four school directors were convicted of the same offense, and perhaps there may be more men of the same kind in that city."

"Detectives were employed by a tax-payers' association in Schuylkill County to investigate the matter and these officers report that they have secured enough evidence to convict the three-score of directors of corruption. The outcome of this wholesale discovery of mean corruptionists will be awaited with deep interest. The school teachers in the rural communities of Pennsylvania are not overpaid, and a recent law passed at Harrisburg fixes the minimum wage for such public servants at thirty-five dollars a month. A man who would enforce tribute from a school teacher receiving a salary of less than fifty dollars is a mighty small kind of a creature."

"But the most interesting feature of this Schuylkill County incident is that the taxpayers have done the work that should have been done by the local authorities. There comes to nearly every community a time when the negligence of its servants makes it obligatory upon the people, who are always supreme,

to take a hand themselves in order to see that justice is done. The taxpayers of most cities do not seem to realize that they have the right and the power to take into their own hands the performance of public duties that are neglected by the regularly-selected agents of the people. There is no reason why the tax-payers everywhere, when they come to appreciate that their servants are either corrupt or negligent, should not take a hand in the direction of purifying the government. Outside of great cities the stealings of public servants are small, yet in time they amount to considerable."

"The crime of enforcing tribute or taking bribes is even more contemptible than stealing outright from the public funds."

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MURDER AT GOLTS

Wednesday afternoon about 2 o'clock James Brown, colored, of near Golt's station, shot and instantly killed Tobe McCray, a colored resident of Golt's. The murder grew out of Brown's love for Alice Wilson, a married woman with two children. It seems that in spite of the fact that Alice was married and her husband living with her, Brown would insist on paying her his attentions. Tobe McCray was a friend of the woman's husband and frequently called at their house. On Tuesday Alice received a note from Brown stating that unless she did certain things he named he would kill her. She was very much worried by this and as she was eating her dinner Wednesday saw Brown approaching the house armed with a shot gun. Hastening from her home she started to run to her cousin who lived about a quarter of a mile distant, but as Brown was following her, she stopped at the home of Ned Rasin and asked Tobe McCray, who was talking to Rasin, not to let Brown harm her. She then went upstairs and Brown attempted to follow her whereupon McCray interfered and a struggle ensued. Rasin forbade them fighting in his house. They then went into the yard and a moment later the report of the gun was heard and Brown was found dead with a load of shot in his temple.

Brown immediately after committing the deed fled and all efforts made by Sheriff Fletcher and his deputies toward his capture had proven futile and no little surprise was given the sheriff Monday morning when Mr. Thomas Roe a farmer of near Masey, drove in Chestertown with Brown. Brown tired of trying to escape decided to give himself up and went up to Mr. Roe's house Sunday night and told him that he wanted to go to Chestertown and surrender himself to Sheriff Fletcher. Brown on his arrival was lodged in jail where he will await the action of the April court.

MR. JOHN INLER DEAD

Mr. John Inler, who was shot on March 28th last, at his home near Ridley, Caroline County, Md., by Adam Stewart, a young negro farm hand, died Friday morning at 6 o'clock at the City Hospital, Baltimore. Stewart, in his testimony before the jury of inquest, which met at the Central Police Station Friday evening, admitted shooting Mr. Inler.

Dr. N. C. Keirle, city post mortem physician, and Dr. Edward T. West, of the City Hospital, testified that Mr. Inler died from shock and hemorrhage caused by a pistol wound in the stomach. Dr. Z. P. Henry, of the hospital, produced a signed statement of Inler to the effect that Stewart had shot him. Stewart was committed to jail to await the action of the April court.

EAGLES ELECT OFFICERS

At the annual session of the Grand Castle, Knights of Golden Eagle, held in Newark, Monday, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Past chief, William Stinson, Wilmington; grand chief, T. E. White, Clayton; vice-chief, Charles A. Bamberger, Wilmington; sir herald, Clarence Fraim, Talleysville; master of records, W. G. Hurlock, Wilmington; keeper of exchequer, Thomas Hetherton, Wilmington; supreme representative, Richard Hodson, Townsend; first guardman, Frank McFarlin, Wilmington; second guardman, C. W. Thomas, Wyoming. The officers were installed by Supreme Chief Jenkins Hill, of Reading, Pa.

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SASSAFRAS ITEMS

Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross was in Philadelphia Saturday.

Blooming flowers withered under the frost of Saturday night.

Dr. Scott, of Galena, visited Sassafras and Middleton Monday.

Clayton Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnston, is very sick.

Little Miss Annie Sylvester is lying critically ill with pneumonia.

Arbor day was celebrated in the public schools of Cecil County on Friday.

Lent is rapidly waning, and the great spring festival of Easter is nearly here.

Arbutus is quite plentiful here, and parties can be seen daily gathering huge bunches.

Lewis Everhart died on Tuesday evening. He had been a sufferer for some weeks.

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—7:30 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 2:50 p. m., 4:45 p. m. and 9 p. m.

South Bound—7:30 a. m., 11:45 a. m., 5:05 p. m. for Warwick, 9:30 a. m., 11:45 a. m., 5:05 p. m. for Warwick, Cecilton, Earlville and Sa-

tra—6:45 a. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 2:50 p. m., 4:45 p. m. and 9 p. m.

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Local News.

Have you a new Easter bonnet?

This week is holy week in the Church calendar.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.

Bulk Garden Seed at Evans' Feed Store by the oz. or lb.

Now that spring is here our road workers should get down to work.

FOR SALE—A first-class driving horse Apply to BARNES & FOGEL.

Plenty of Seed Potatoes at Evans' Exchange Store. Prices right. Term Cash.

The New York Clothing House of Middletown has a new ad. in to-day's issue.

A splendid lot of Red Cedar Posts for wire fence at right prices.

G. E. HUKILL.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

HAY FOR SALE—\$15 per ton.

J. FRANK ELIASSON,

Mt. Pleasant, Del.

FOR SALE—12 bushels of Seed Potatoes. Fine quality, 80 cents per bushel, at E. F. INGRAM'S.

FOR SALE—No. 7 New Perfect Bang in thorough order. Cheap. M. JONES,

S. Broad and Cochran Sts.

WANTED—House painters. Apply to WALTER MONROE,

Middletown, Del.

A new cannery is to be erected at Middletown station, to be operated by Wilson Morris, of Warwick.

Plants and flowers that were exposed to the freeze and frost of last Sunday and Monday now look as if fire had scorched them.

The cold weather of the past week has caused a scarcity of fish in market, especially shad which have been at a premium.

The "martins" have arrived in town and taken quarters at their regular residences. This is an accepted proof that spring has come.

Early peas are showing in some of the gardens about town. The unusual amount of rain will make spring work on the farms late.

A dollar spent at home will return to you before many days, but if you spend it abroad it is forever lost, both to you and your community.

Ground Oyster Shells, Meat and Bone, Chicken Manna, Shuster's Lice and Poultrey Powder, Hay and Garden Seed of all kinds. EVANS' EXCHANGE STORE.

Special music will be rendered in all our Churches-to-morrow, and the congregations will be very large if the weather should be favorable.

A counterfeit \$2 bill is in circulation. We publish this for the benefit of our readers who handle bills of this size, as this bill very seldom finds its way into our office.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday afternoon, from 3:30 to 5; Saturday afternoons, from 3 to 5; Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8:30.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, pastor, will preach to-morrow, both morning and evening, in Bethesda M. E. Church. Morning subject: "An Easter Message." Evening subject: "The Walk to Emmaus."

A plan is under way to secure a park on the Delaware River front, south of New Castle, which will be connected with a spur from the tracks of the New Castle & Delaware City Electric Railway.

The two fine farms of the late Levi C. Bird, "Hilltop" near Delaware City, and the McFetridge farm between Summit Bridge and Chesapeake City, Md., will be sold at the court house in Wilmington on April 23.

Mr. Edward Reynolds has an ed. in this issue calling the attention of those who have not paid their town and school taxes to the fact that the town and schools need the money due for taxes. See ad. in another column.

The roads are getting in fair condition for driving which is welcome news to those who had to travel them the past winter which was one of the worst seasons for many years, and, unless a vehicle was first-class it is now up to the junk buyer.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "The Danger of Idleness." Prov. 24:30-31; Rom. 12:11. Leader, Miss Mary L. Adkins.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending April 21: Miss Sadie Dean, Mrs. Canie Perkins, Rev. J. H. Brachman, James C. Burcher, J. Claxton, William H. Cunningham, James H. Davis, William F. Davis, Walter Tharp.

There is a movement now started which will, if enacted into a law, provide what is known as the telephone stamp, the purpose of which is to give the postmaster the privilege to open letters bearing such a stamp and read them over the telephone to the parties to whom they are directed.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is "Christ's Teaching about the Resurrection." John 11:21-27; 40-44. Miss Susie Ellison leader.

Special Easter music will be rendered in the Forest Presbyterian Church at both services to-morrow, Easter Sunday. The subject of the Rev. F. H. Moore's morning sermon will be: "The Significance of the Angels' Announcement," and the evening subject will be: "The Hope of the Resurrection." All are cordially invited.

PERSONALITIES

Mrs. RACHEL CONNER, Middletown, Del.

The Good Mr. Best" booked to appear at the Opera House Thursday evening failed to arrive.

The "Little Light Bearers," of Bethesda M. E. Church, will give an Easter offering in the Sunday School room on Monday evening, at 7:15 o'clock. The program is quite interesting, consisting of recitations, singing, &c. A feature will be the opening of the missionary boxes. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The total assessed valuation of property in this State is \$69,351,676 according to figures furnished the Commercial and Financial Chronicle by the clerks to the peace of Delaware. In New Castle County the amount is \$47,353,349; in Kent County, \$12,000,000, and in Sussex County, \$9,998,349. This is based on the county assessment.

Deputy Great Sachem J. A. Suydam, has performed his duty of raising the newly elected Chiefs of the following Tribes of Limp. Order of Red Men in his District: Seneca Tribe, No. 44, on the sleep of the second sun of this plant moon; Shawnee Tribe, No. 27, of Clayton, on the third sleep, and Appoquinimink Tribe, No. 24, Odessa, on the sleep of the seventh sun. He finds all the tribes in excellent condition, having well filled wampum belts and doing good work.

Mrs. Robert Morgan, of Fairless, Md., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Connelle.

Mrs. Katie Gibbs and nephew, Isaac, were Baltimore visitors over Sunday.

Mrs. Evelyn Kibler, of Town Point, visited Miss Helen Clayton last week.

Mrs. N. J. Williams and daughter, Miss Mary, spent Wednesday in Philadelphia. Mr. Jacob Metz, of Chesapeake City, was the guest of friends in town Sunday.

Mrs. V. L. Culbertson, of Wilmington, is the guest of friends and relatives here.

Mrs. W. T. Connelle and daughter, Laura, were in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

It is not generally known of postage stamps that torn or defaced stamps cannot be used. Persons who have torn stamp in their possession have been in the habit of pasting the pieces together and thus placing it on a letter. This is prohibited in the postal regulations, and the person who uses such a stamp runs the risk of not having his or her letter delivered. Sometimes the stamps are so well repaired that the tear escape detection, but should the rent in the stamp be found by the postal officials it will make it of no value.

The remains of Mrs. Adelaide Hardcastle Crawley, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hardcastle of this town, who died in Philadelphia on Saturday last, were brought to Middletown Tuesday afternoon. After the funeral services which were held in St. Anne's Church, the remains were entered in Forest Cemetery.

Mrs. Crawley was the wife of Mr. C. B. Crawley, of St. Louis, Mo., and during her illness of several months she had been a great sufferer. She leaves a husband and three small children to mourn her sad death.

The ladies of Bethesda M. E. Church have a great treat in store for the music-loving people of this community at the Opera House in this town next Tuesday evening, April 14th. They have secured the Norma Glee Club and the Wesley Quartet Choir, of Dover, for an entertainment on the above date, and the young ladies of the church will give a Colonial Tea after the musical.

The Norma Glee Club has been with us before and need no introduction to the people of this community, and the Wesley Quartet Choir of Dover, for an entertainment on the above date, and the young ladies of the church will give a Colonial Tea after the musical.

Miss Anna Derrickson has returned from Norristown, Pa., where she has been visiting friends for the past two weeks.

Miss Lillian Hodge left Thursday morning for Springfield, Mass., where she will spend ten days with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Helen Brady, of Bethlehem, Pa., is spending the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Brady, of near town.

Mrs. Hugh C. Browne and little son, of Wilmington, are being entertained by her mother, Mrs. H. V. Parvis, on South Broad street.

Miss Eliza Green and Mary Williams, and Sidney Peverley and Paul Messick are spending the Easter vacation with their respective parents.

Dr. W. E. Barnard will leave to-day for New York City where he will be the guest of his brother. The doctor will be absent until Tuesday next.

Mrs. S. E. Houston and daughter, Miss Myrtle, and Miss Mary Gotee, who have been spending the winter in Baltimore, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Kincaid for a few days.

A representative of the International School of Correspondence has been in town looking up scholars.

Mrs. and Mrs. Fredrick Brady, Jr., of Middletown, Del., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brady one day last week.

Mrs. Charles Green and daughter, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bonchelle.

Gilbert Cooling accompanied by his friend, Elwood Weeks, of the Western Maryland College, is home for the Easter holidays.

The Junior American Mechanics celebrated their ninth anniversary on Thursday evening, with a banquet in the second story of Franklin Hall.

Last Friday morning a slight fire was discovered at the Park Hotel stable. A pan of ashes had been emptied too near some straw and it soon caught fire. Our citizens are always prompt in answering an alarm, and soon had the blaze out.

Mr. Stephen Boyer, and Mrs. Bessie Vaughan and little daughter Mildred, returned from Florida on Tuesday where they have been spending the winter. The trip was a delightful one to both Boyer and Mrs. Vaughan.

Mrs. Martha Heaton and brother, Mr. Wilson Heaton, of Philadelphia, will sail to-day for Europe. They expect to land at Naples, and after visiting the principal cities of Italy, their itinerary will include Switzerland, Vienna, Dresden, Berlin, Munich, The Rhine, Holland, Belgium, Paris and London. Mr. and Mrs. Heaton expect to arrive home about August 1st.

Mr. W. A. Hukill, Jr., leaves to-day for Philadelphia, where he has accepted a position with Wistar & Underhill, wholesale lumber dealers. Mr. Hukill, has been in the employ of his uncle, Mr. E. F. Hukill for the past five years, and during his stay with us has made many friends, who regret to see him leave our town. He will represent the above named firm on the road, and his friends and other friends in this city in wishing him much success in his new field of labor.

With the recent big rains this locality has been simply flooded, and it will be sometime before farm work can be resumed. With rains coming weekly there has been little plowing done except in a small way for truck. A peculiar feature of these first days of April is that the landscape is dotted with plum orchards and other fruits in full bloom and vegetation is advanced to the complaining season and yet hardly a furrow turned.

BOHEMIA MAJOR ITEMS

Mrs. Annie Berry is the guest of Wyoming friends.

Mrs. S. J. Smith, of Camden, is spending the winter with her sister here.

Miss Eva Dean spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents in Elton.

Mr. Harry Gullette, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. William Berry.

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On Saturday night we had two inches of ice and Sunday night a big frost, and now everyone fears for the fruit crop.

The roads are getting in fair condition for driving which is welcome news to those who had to travel them the past winter which was one of the worst seasons for many years, and, unless a vehicle was first-class it is now up to the junk buyer.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "The Danger of Idleness." Prov. 24:30-31; Rom. 12:11. Leader, Miss Mary L. Adkins.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending April 21: Miss Sadie Dean, Mrs. Canie Perkins, Rev. J. H. Brachman, James C. Burcher, J. Claxton, William H. Cunningham, James H. Davis, William F. Davis, Walter Tharp.

There is a movement now started which will, if enacted into a law, provide what is known as the telephone stamp, the purpose of which is to give the postmaster the privilege to open letters bearing such a stamp and read them over the telephone to the parties to whom they are directed.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is "Christ's Teaching about the Resurrection." John 11:21-27; 40-44. Miss Susie Ellison leader.

Special Easter music will be rendered in the Forest Presbyterian Church at both services to-morrow, Easter Sunday. The subject of the Rev. F. H. Moore's morning sermon will be: "The Significance of the Angels' Announcement," and the evening subject will be: "The Hope of the Resurrection." All are cordially invited.

PERSONALITIES

Mrs. John S. Crouch spent Monday in Wilmington.

Mr. J. F. McWhorter was in Wilmington Monday.

Mrs. David Allen is visiting her mother at Townsend.

Miss Jean Metten spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Mr. William Shallerross was in Wyoming Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese Parker visited Dover on Sunday.

Miss Helen Clayton was in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ada Cochran spent Wednesdays in the Quaker City.

Dr. W. V. Messick, of Smyrna, was in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson were in Philadelphia on Monday.

Miss Dora Price is visiting friends in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Mr. Edward Pace is spending a week with relatives in Lancaster, Pa.

Miss Kate Darlington and nephew, W. Money, are visiting State Road.

Mrs. Ross Shannon was the guest of Wilmington friends on Monday.

Mr. Harold Whitehouse, of Wilmington, visited Townsend Sunday.

Miss Anna Wilson, of Smyrna, visited her father, Mr. W. P. Reynolds, on Saturday.

Mrs. W. N. Watts and daughter, Mrs. D. B. Jones, spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Watts spent Sunday with Mr. George Merritt, near Mid-

delton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geary, of Atlantic City, N. J., spent Sunday with Mr.

HOW NINA EARNED HER CAMERA

BY L. R. AYERS.

H, I have had a jolly good time this afternoon, mother! exclaimed Nina Wilton as she burst into the cheerful dining-room, where her mother was preparing to set the table for supper. Wait a minute, marmee, until I get my things off, and I'll set the table while I tell you what I have been doing, she continued, bustling away with her coat and hat, and as rapidly returning without them.

All right, dearie. I am anxious to know, for your eyes shine like a couple of stars, which is a sure sign that you have been doing something pleasant. And Mrs. Wilton smiled with pardonable motherly pride on her winsome little daughter.

Nina had been spending the afternoon with her friend Annie Merrill, on a neighboring farm.

Annie had been away for a few months, staying with her aunt in Boston; this was their first visit since she had come home. Although she was older than Nina, the two girls were intimate friends.

Annie and Nina were not the only ones who enjoyed these visits, for Annie's younger brother, Burt, was always as glad to have Nina with him as was his sister. Burt and Nina were twins (at least, that is what Burt always declared), for they began their lives the same year, month and day. Yes, you are my twin brother, Nina would say to him, but please to remember that I have lived in this world three thousand six hundred seconds longer than you have, therefore you owe me a certain degree of respect.

You know, marmee, began Nina, as she emerged from the pantry, that I always had an idea that I should enjoy having a camera, and now I am quite sure of it. You see I went over to Annie's early and I found her in the midst of developing some pictures that she took in Boston. I would not let her stop for I wanted to see how she did it; so she let me help her, and we worked on them two whole hours. It was heaps of fun and I learned considerable. Annie says that by the time I've had another try at it she thinks I can do it alone. Then Burt came in after his cameras; he was going down by the river to see if he could get a picture of the rapids. You may be sure that I, for one, was glad to accept his invitation when he asked us to go with him, so we all went; they showed me how to use their cameras, and I've had a jolly good time. Now I want a camera. I want it more than I ever did anything in my life before.

Well, dearie, put in Mrs. Wilton, I wish you might have one, but you know your father thinks such things are all nonsense, and while he would willingly give you other presents, he would probably think money spent for a camera was wasted.

I know, marmee, and I haven't

the least idea that I can have one unless I earn the money myself,

and, as you know, chances to earn anything around here are scarce.

Just then Mr. Wilton entered ready for supper. I'd like to know, he said, what has become of my oats. After we thrashed, about two weeks ago, I put the oats in that long bin across one end of the granary, the bin was nearly full then, but, I vum! I looked in the further end of the bin to-night and I swear it was not more than half full. Some body must have been helping themselves, but how anyone can get at them I can't see, to save my life.

You look the granary every night, don't you? inquired his wife.

That I do, he answered, and what's more, the windows are all nailed down securely, so I can't see how any person can get in there. I am going to leave Major in the granary to-night, and if anyone goes to meddle there the dog will be apt to let us know it. I've marked on the bin just how full it is, so I'll know if any are taken out.

It may be the work of our neighbor down the road, ventured his wife. If he does half the thieving that is laid to him I, for one, would like to have him caught in the act. All of our neighbors think badly enough of him, there's no denying the fact, at they don't seem to be able to do anything.

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turned the farmer, thoughtfully.

Mother, said Nina the next morning, while helping about the breakfast, Burt and Annie are coming over after me this evening to go over to their house, and they are going to show me how to take flash-light pictures. I was intending to tell you last night but did not have a chance. Well, I'm beat! ejaculated Mr. Wilton, as he came in just then for breakfast. Did any of you hear anything of the dog or any other kind of a rumpus last night? No? Well, I didn't either, and the oats in that end of the bin have lowered about six inches since last night, when I marked on the bin how full it was. I'd give ten dollars to know how it's done and ten more to know who does it.

Why, father! would you, really, or are you just joking? inquired Nina. Yes, I would, gladly. I mean just what I say. I'm losing more than that in oats every week or so. You going into the detective business, girlie?

Well, I don't know. I might think about it, with such a liberal reward at the end, she replied, laughingly.

Go ahead, and you can have the twenty dollars if you earn it, said her father. The idea of a girl detective! Why, you know you wouldn't dare go out to the oat bin after dark, so I'm sure I don't see how you could find out very much.

Detectives seldom tell their methods, you know, and I surely can't, for I have not thought of one yet. Nevertheless, I will just go out and investigate the surroundings some time to-day. And that closed the conversation for the time being.

Now, marmee, I'll run out after those eggs for the custard pie, and while I'm out there I will just take a look at the oat bin, said Nina a little later in the day, after breakfast was over and the dishes were washed and neatly put away.

We will be on hand early to-morrow morning with our negative, said Annie.

Just before breakfast the next morning three laughing young people appeared at Mr. Wilton's and presented themselves before the farmer.

Well, father, have you seen your oats this morning? asked Nina.

Oats! where? returned her father.

Down under the shed, said Nina.

I have not been down there, he replied.

Please come, then, and you too, mother. They piloted the puzzled couple to the scene of last night's thieving. Many were the exclamations of surprise as they dramatically told their story and showed the excellent negative they had of the thief.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, April 6th, 1903.

THAT the President and his nearest advisers are a unit in their opinion on the greatest political question of the day, the trusts and the tariff, has been demonstrated to a very remarkable degree within the past week. Secretary Shaw, speaking in Peoria, Illinois, Secretary Root, speaking before the Home Market Club of Boston and the President himself, speaking in Milwaukee, have all struck the same keynote. That there must be no "tariff tinkering," that the tariff must be revised by the Republican party after the election, at a time when political excitement is dormant and there is ample time to do the work carefully and thoroughly that the cry of tariff reduction to meet trust evils is merely a Democratic cry to secure free trade under the guise of preventing monopoly; these are the important principles on which the next national campaign is to be fought. The careful, conservative and patriotic tone of the President is the occasion of the greatest gratification to his friends in Washington who believe that no cabal or political trick could prevent his receiving the nomination and being elected next year.

The arguments against tariff revision made by Secretary Shaw is a forceful one. He says that "The employer of labor may be so short-sighted as to believe that a period of low wages would be to his advantage because he would be thus able to place his product on the market at less cost. Or he may be so far-sighted as to know that high wages will increase the consumptive capacity of those who needs supplies and will therefore improve his market." He further says that the Democratic party has always appealed to the consumer with the cry of cheap markets, which would mean low wages, the Republican party has stood for high wages and high prices. The Republican policy has invariably resulted in prolonged periods of prosperity, the Democratic policy in extended periods of depression. Mr. Shaw says that his speech in the west was received with manifest approval and he has no fear of the result of the next election.

The Postoffice Department investigation announced in these letters a week ago, is still progressing and it is now evident that great saving in the expense of the Department will be effected as a result. It is not unlikely that it will be necessary to make material changes in the personnel of the Department and the President and the Postmaster General will not hesitate to demand such resignations as they believe will promote the welfare of the service. Since the investigation began, Perry S. Heath, ex-Assistant Postmaster General has been in Washington to protest against the investigation and urge the President to spare Mr. Heath's protégés, and James S. Clarkson, Secretary of the Republican national committee came to Washington to protest against the injury of any employees who had strong political influence, but the President has refused to listen to any protest and will "hew to the line" regardless of political consequences. Since the investigation began, hundreds of letters have been received from local postmasters furnishing evidence of reckless extravagance and in numerous instances of extortion.

Representative Babcock of Wisconsin, Chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, has taken issue with the tariff policy of the President and the members of the Cabinet and declares in unequivocal terms that the Republican party is pledged to tariff revision by the Fifty-eighth Congress. Mr. Babcock, speaking to your correspondent, said that he regarded as wholly unwarranted the apprehension of hard times as a result of a revision of the tariff by the Republican party. Democratic revision would, of course, ruin the financial prosperity of the country because it was clearly understood that such revision was undertaken with a free trade object in view. Republican revision, on the contrary, would be undertaken with the policy of protection always in sight and would not therefore seriously disturb the prosperous condition the country is now enjoying. Mr. Babcock says that in the last campaign the Republican party lost many Republican cities because the cost of living had increased out of all proportion to the income of salaried employees. This was not the case in the country districts because of plentiful crops, but with a failure of crops the condition would become universal and nothing but disaster to the Republican party could result. Mr. Babcock maintains that 90 per cent of the American people are protectionists and want a protective tariff, but that means a duty of sufficient amount merely, to compensate the employer for the increased price he has to pay for labor. All over that is extortion and tends to create monopoly. He cited the case of the Steel Trust, which by maintaining under the existing schedules, is enabled to take from the pockets of the people \$60,000,000 annually to which it is not entitled.

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The Brilliant Opportunity

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Black and Blue Cheviot.....	4.50	
Union Cashmere and Worsted.....	5.00	
Silk and Wool Mixtures.....	6.00	
Black Thibet, military cut....	7.25	
Guaranteed All-wool Sersges.....	6.00	
Imported latest style Mixtures.....	8.25	
Fancy Worsted, latest designs 10.00		

	Men's and Boys' Shoes.	
Men's and Boys' Business Shoes.....	1.19	
Fine Dress Shoes.....	1.48	
Extra Strong and Fine Dress.....	1.69	
Goodyear Welt.....	1.98	
Extra Fine Shoes.....	2.25	
Oxford Ties.....	1.48	
Goodyear Welt Oxfords.....	1.98	
Child's School Shoes.....	60	
Box Half Children's Shoes.....	98	
Extra Fine Children's Shoes.....	1.19	

Men's and Young Men's Pants.

	Fine Rip Pants.....	75
Blue and Black Cheviot.....	1.00	
All-wool Scotch Mixtures.....	1.25	
Fine Woolen with Stripes.....	1.45	
All-wool Nobby Striped Worsted.....	1.65	
Fine Woolen Dress Pants, in stripes, checks and plaids.....	2.00	

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Black and Blue Cheviot.....	1.25	
Black, Blue and Grey All-wool Children's Suits.....	1.50	
Black or Brown Scotch Mixtures, double-breasted.....	1.70	
Wide Blue, White Serge.....	2.00	
Children's Suits in Norfolk and the very latest style Blouses, sizes from 3 to 10.....	2.00	

Furnishings.

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